

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE
SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56
AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCLAIM BY CERTIFICATE THESE
MINOR MODIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, The Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on September 23, 1965 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965 and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled: "Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the minor modification with respect to properties identified as Block 606-Parcel 11, Block 586-Parcel 3, Block 586-Parcel 1 consistent with the objective of the South End Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant to Chapter 781 of the Acts and Resolves of 1972 with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Section 1201 of said Plan:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT:

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof of the South End Urban Renewal Plan Mass. R-56, be and hereby is amended by:

1. That Map No. 1, "Property Map" is hereby modified by the addition of the properties identified as Block 606-Parcel 11, Block 586-Parcel 3, Block 586-Parcel 1.
2. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan;
3. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect;
4. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
5. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by certificate these minor modifications of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook PHM 7202.1 Circular dated June 3, 1970.

6. That the Director of Real Estate be and hereby is authorized to obtain appraisals and to negotiate the acquisition of the subject properties.

MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 18, 1975

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56
PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN
RENEWAL PLAN - PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 606-
PARCEL 11, BLOCK 586-PARCEL 3, BLOCK 586-1.

SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority:

1. Adopt a Minor Modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan with respect to the properties identified as Block 606-Parcel 11, Block 586-Parcel 3 and Block 586-Parcel 1.
 2. Authorize the Director to proclaim by certificate this minor modification.
 3. Further authorize the Director of Real Estate to negotiate the acquisition of this property.
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ADDITIONAL NOTATION:

On October 23, 1975, the Boston Redevelopment Authority Board approved a Proclaimer of Minor Modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan with respect to acquiring three parcels. As there was a discrepancy in the original proclaimer, it is now appropriate, in order to correct the Authority records, to adopt the attached proclaimer which incorporates the correction.

One of the long standing objectives of the South End Urban Renewal Plan is to remove incompatible land use and property uses and especially non-residential uses, from the residential community, so as to improve the residential environment. Section 403 of the South End Urban Renewal Plan provides for the acquisition of properties to meet these objectives.

These properties identified as Block 606-Parcel 11, 1777/1781 Washington Street; Block 586-Parcel 3, 1736 Washington Street; and Block 586-Parcel 1, 1724 Washington Street, operated as bars.

By general consensus of responsible South End community groups, their continued existence is a blighting influence on a neighborhood which is striving to reinforce its residential qualities through widespread rehabilitation and new housing developments.

These properties are incompatible with the surrounding re-developed uses and is in conflict with South End Renewal

Pursuant to Section 403 of the Plan it is therefore advisable to add the acquisition of Block 606- Parcel 11, Block 586- Parcel 3 and Block 586-Parcel 1 to the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

The proposed modification is minor and does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan. This modification may, therefore, be effected by vote of the Authority, pursuant to Section 1201 of the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.